

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:43 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 5, 2011. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5292.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Mark P. Wetjen, of Nevada, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and Brian T. Baenig, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Madelyn R. Creedon, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary for Global Strategic Affairs, and Alan F. Estevez, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Materiel Readiness, both of the Department of Defense, and 2,698 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on national mortgage servicing standards, after receiving testimony from Jack Hopkins, CorTrust Bank, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America; Faith Schwartz, HOPE NOW Alliance, Washington, D.C.; Robert M. Couch, Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, Birmingham, Alabama; and Peter P. Swire, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus.

ENHANCING REACTOR SAFETY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Sub-

committee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety to examine a review of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) near-term task force recommendations for enhancing reactor safety in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Gregory B. Jaczko, Chairman, and Kristine L. Svinicki, George Apostolakis, William D. Magwood, IV, and William C. Ostendorff, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, and Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

HEALTH REFORM AND HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine health reform and health insurance premiums, focusing on empowering states to serve consumers, after receiving testimony from Senator Feinstein; Steve Larsen, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; John E. Dicken, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Teresa Miller, Oregon Insurance Division, Salem; and Dan Withrow, CSS Distribution Group, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 3 public bills, H.R. 2790–2792 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Wolf to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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